

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 3 thru 7, 9 and 11 thru 14, and add claims 15 and 16 as follows:

1           1. (Currently Amended) In a process for transmitting a facsimile message from a  
2           transmitting facsimile machine to a first receiving facsimile machine, a subprocess for  
3           informing the transmitting facsimile machine of error occurrence at the first receiving  
4           facsimile machine, said subprocess comprising the steps of:

5           (1) inputting a telephone number of a second receiving facsimile machine to be  
6           used when an error occurs at said first receiving facsimile machine while said first  
7           receiving facsimile machine is receiving said facsimile message;

8           (2) when a ring signal is input from said transmitting facsimile machine, forming a  
9           communication line, exchanging protocols of said transmitting facsimile machine and of  
10          said first receiving facsimile machine, and storing a telephone number of said  
11          transmitting facsimile machine among said protocols received from the transmitting  
12          facsimile machine;

13          (3) printing fax data received from said transmitting facsimile machine and  
14          simultaneously checking whether an error occurs;

15          (4) when an error occurs, obtaining an error message corresponding to said error  
16          from a pre-stored error table and storing said error message;

17          (5) when said communication line is cut off from said transmitting facsimile

18 machine due to said error occurrence, detecting said telephone number of said  
19 transmitting facsimile machine and forming a communication line therewith; and

20 (6) when said communication line with said transmitting facsimile machine is  
21 formed, transmitting error information occurring at said receiving facsimile machine,  
22 wherein said error information includes at least said telephone number of said second  
23 receiving facsimile machine and said error message.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the process of claim 1, wherein, before said  
2 communication line with said transmitting facsimile machine is cut off, said telephone  
3 number of said second receiving facsimile machine and said error message are stored in  
4 an error buffer.

1 4. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the process of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of converting said error information into bit map data when said telephone number of  
3 said transmitting facsimile machine is detected and said communication line with said  
4 transmitting facsimile machine is formed.

1 5. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the process of claim 1, wherein said error  
2 information is printed in said facsimile message.

1           6. (Currently Amended)   [[The]] In the process of claim 1, wherein said error  
2   table is a look-up table including at least one error message respectively corresponding to  
3   at least one error that may occur in transmission of said facsimile message.

1           7. (Currently Amended)   In a system which includes a transmitting facsimile  
2   apparatus for transmitting a facsimile message to a first receiving facsimile machine, said  
3   transmitting facsimile apparatus comprising:

4           a scanner for reading a document;

5           means for transmitting and receiving information;

6           means for exchanging protocols with said first receiving facsimile machine; and

7           a printer;

8           *the improvement comprising:*

9           informing means located at said first receiving facsimile machine for furnishing  
10   information concerning error occurrence to the transmitting facsimile apparatus, wherein  
11   said informing means furnishes the transmitting facsimile apparatus with information  
12   concerning nature of an error occurring at the first receiving facsimile machine, and a  
13   telephone number of a second receiving facsimile machine that is capable of receiving the  
14   facsimile message in the event of error at the first receiving facsimile machine.

Claim 8. (Canceled)

1           9. (Currently Amended) In the ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 7, further comprising:

2           means for inputting the telephone number of the second receiving facsimile  
3 machine to be used when the error occurs at said first receiving facsimile machine while  
4 said first receiving facsimile machine is receiving said facsimile message;

5           means for forming a communication line when a ring signal is input from said  
6 transmitting facsimile apparatus;

7           means for exchanging protocols of said transmitting facsimile apparatus and of  
8 said first receiving facsimile machine when the communication line is formed;

9           means for storing a telephone number of said transmitting facsimile apparatus  
10 among said protocols received from the transmitting facsimile apparatus when the  
11 protocols are exchanged;

12           means for printing said facsimile message received from said transmitting  
13 facsimile apparatus and for simultaneously determining whether an error occurs;

14           means for obtaining an error message corresponding to said error from a pre-stored  
15 error table when the error occurs;

16           means for storing said error message;

17           means for obtaining said telephone number of said transmitting facsimile  
18 apparatus and forming a communication line therewith when said communication line is  
19 cut off from said transmitting facsimile apparatus due to occurrence of the error; and

20           means for transmitting error information to said transmitting facsimile apparatus  
21 when said communication line with said transmitting facsimile apparatus is formed.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

1           11. (Currently Amended) In the ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 9, further comprising  
2 error buffer means for storing said telephone number of said second receiving facsimile  
3 machine and said error message before said communication line with said transmitting  
4 facsimile apparatus is cut off.

1           12. (Currently Amended) In the ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 9, further comprising  
2 means for converting said error information into bit map data when said telephone  
3 number of said transmitting facsimile apparatus is obtained and said communication line  
4 with said transmitting facsimile machine is formed.

1           13. (Currently Amended) In the ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 9, wherein said  
2 printing means prints said error information in said facsimile message.

1           14. (Currently Amended) In the ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 9, further comprising  
2 a look-up table containing at least one error message respectively corresponding to at  
3 least one error that may occur in transmission of said facsimile message.

1           15. (New) In the process of claim 1, wherein step (1) comprises automatically

2 inputting the telephone number of the second receiving facsimile machine to be used  
3 when the error occurs at said first receiving facsimile machine while said first receiving  
4 machine is receiving said facsimile message.

1 16. (New) In the system of claim 9, wherein said means for inputting the  
2 telephone number of the second facsimile machine automatically inputs the telephone  
3 number of the second facsimile machine to be used when the error occurs at said first  
4 receiving facsimile machine while said first receiving facsimile machine is receiving said  
5 facsimile message.